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RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. for

Arbitration to Resolve Issues Relating to an ICA with Alltel, Inc. TC07-115 GPGN File No. 5925.070687

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the Stipulation for Amended Scheduling Order signed by the parties in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Talbot J. Wieczofek

TJW:klw Enclosure

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 TO RESOLVE ISSUES RELATING TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH ALLTEL, INC.

DOCKET No. TC 07-115

STIPULATION FOR AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER AND DECISION DATE

COME NOW Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. ("Telco") and Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel"), by and through their undersigned counsel, and jointly submit this Stipulation for Scheduling Order to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission").

PROPOSED AMENDED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

- 1. On or before July 7, 2008, all parties shall serve and file rebuttal testimony, including exhibits.
- 2. No witness shall be allowed to testify at the hearing unless that witness has prefiled testimony pursuant to this procedural schedule with the exception of witnesses offering live testimony regarding issues first raised in rebuttal testimony. Such testimony shall not be duplicative of prefiled testimony. In the event that a party determines that it will present testimony in response to rebuttal testimony from one or more witnesses that have not prefiled testimony, the names and personal resumes of such witnesses, and a general description of the facts and testimony to be offered by such witnesses shall be provided to the other party and the Commission not later than July 18, 2008;
- 3. Exhibits offered through a Party's witness shall be attached to prefiled testimony. Any exhibit that may be used on cross-examination shall be disclosed to the other party or on before July 18, 2008, with a copy provided upon request. The disclosure requirement will not

apply to any document provided by any party during discovery or to documents filed with testimony.

- 4. Documents served or filed are served on the date they are received. All documents shall be served by e-mail, in .pdf format or, in the case of work sheets, spread sheets or cost calculations, unprotected in the document's original electronic format. Service by e-mail is effective when received.
- 5. The hearing shall be held on July 29, 30 and 31, 2008, or as soon thereafter as the Commission shall be able to hear this matter, in the State Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota. Parties shall arrive prior to the commencement of the hearing to mark exhibits.
- 6. The parties shall simultaneously serve and file post hearing briefs 45 days following the hearing, along with proposed language for the disputed issues in the interconnection agreement. The parties shall simultaneously serve and file reply briefs 14 days following the receipt of the initial post hearing briefs.
- 7. The Commission shall issue its decision resolving the issues in the arbitration on or before December 14, 2008. The parties agree that execution of this documents constitutes a stipulation and agreement and extension of time pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(4). The decision shall establish a procedure and schedule for filing a confirmed arbitrated agreement for consideration by the Commission. The Commission's resolution of the issues presented in the arbitration shall not be accorded to "final offer" or "baseball" arbitration in which the Commission must accept the final offer of one or the other party, but rather shall be according to "traditional" arbitration in which the Commission may resolve issues presented as it determines to be proper consistent with the facts presented and applicable legal requirements.

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